

CMAP Working and Advisory Committees meeting summary

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Contact: Ricardo Lopez

The Citizens' Advisory Committee met on August 11. CMAP's new Executive Director, Joe Szabo joined the meeting to introduce himself and present his future vision for CMAP.

Committee members had an opportunity to introduce themselves and asked questions related to our region's economic and transportation needs. An overview of CMAP's Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program was given. During the week of July 10-17, 40 high school students from across the seven-county region participated in the first summer pilot program and learned the many aspects of resilience and how it relates to planning. A preview of the solutions students developed for building resilient communities in CMAP's next long-range comprehensive plan was also given. Staff also presented an overview of this year's call for LTA projects and the committee reviewed a summary of applications received and had an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback about specific applications. The committee meets next on November 10.

COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Staff Contact: Holly Ostdick

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on September 1. An update on the proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016-2020 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program and proposed FFY 2015-2017 Local Transportation Alternatives Program was given. The committee also heard an update on the status of STP-L expenditures for the 2015 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). The region has spent all the new STP-L funding for FFY 2015 and is slowly chipping away at the large carry over balance. Some of the success is due to the use of Advance Funding and the Council approved six additional projects for advance funding totaling over \$2 million. An update on the call for projects for the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program and a summary of the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program was also given. Lastly, the Council received an update on federal transportation activity including the DRIVE act and how it affects freight within the region. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff Contact: Simone Weil

The Economic Development committee met on June 22. Cook County and CMAP staff presented on recent Metro Metals Consortium activities, including a regional TIGER application to target infrastructure investment with the potential to support the metals cluster. CMAP staff also provided an overview of CMAP's FY2016 workplan, focusing on activities related to the next comprehensive regional plan. Finally, CMAP staff presented the region's Green Infrastructure Vision spatial data tool and its economic valuation components. The committee also met on July 27 at the recently opened UI Labs on Goose Island. UI Labs staff provided an overview of the organization's development, upcoming activities, and the group toured the facility.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Staff Contact: Nora Beck

The Environment and Natural Resources committee met on June 3, July 1, and September 2. In June, CMAP staff presented the proposed process for the development of the next comprehensive regional plan and near-term committee engagement, as well as an overview of the GIV 2.3: Ecosystem Services Valuation, and a discussion about current use of the GIV. At the July meeting, the agenda included an introduction on how climate resilience will be investigated as part of the development of the next comprehensive regional plan. In addition, Martin Jaffe, UIC, presented research on the potential municipal impacts of winter climate change. Most recently, at the September meeting, CMAP staff presented on two components of the next comprehensive regional plan - the socioeconomic forecast and a green infrastructure co-benefits strategy paper. The remainder of the meeting was focused on stormwater management, including CMAP's approach to integrating stormwater management in local land use plans. Moira Zellner, UIC, presented her research on green infrastructure effectiveness and then described community engagement tools she and her team have developed to weigh stormwater management solutions. The committee is scheduled to meet next on October 7.

HOUSING

Staff Contact: Kendra Smith

As part of a new quarterly meeting schedule, the Housing Committee did not meet in May, June or July and last met on August 20, 2015 (a rescheduling of the July 16th meeting). CMAP, MPC, and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus staff presented the *Homes for a Changing Region* toolkit that will allow municipalities, both in and outside of the region, to complete the study independently with minimal support from partner agencies. Members were asked to provide input on content and submit municipalities or community agencies where the toolkit could be dispersed for a future pilot program. Updates on *Homes for a Changing Region* projects underway in both DuPage and Lake counties were also given. Project managers for CMAP's next regional comprehensive plan presented the preliminary scope for committee engagement and participation in the planning process. The plan team will continue to update the committee on progress and engagement opportunities. Committee members also provided input on the selection of projects for the FY16 LTA program that will be considered in the final staff recommendation. The committee meets next on September 17.

HUMAN & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Staff Contact: TBD

The Human & Community Development committee is on hold.

LAND USE

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee met on June 17 and August 19. In June, CMAP staff explained the overall planning process and timeline, snapshots, and strategy papers to be developed in the following twelve months, and identified expected touch points for the Land Use Committee. CMAP staff also gave an overview of the Rosemont Comprehensive Plan, created through the

LTA program and the new Complete Streets Toolkit. In August, new CMAP Executive Director Joe Szabo introduced himself to the committee and answered questions from its members. CMAP staff discussed this year's LTA applications and took feedback from committee members regarding individual applications. CMAP staff also gave an overview of the DuPage County Government Center Sustainability Best Practices Guide. In lieu of its regular meeting on September 16, committee members will be taking a guided tour of the new 606/Bloomingtondale Trail, focusing on its planning history, process, and goals. The committee's next regular meeting is scheduled for October 21.

TRANSPORTATION

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on July 17 and approved FFY 2014-2019 TIP amendments. New CMAP Executive Director, Joe Szabo, introduced himself and was welcomed by the committee. The semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, and Transportation Alternatives Program were released for a public comment period through August 17. A summary of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program applications was presented and comments were requested by August 21. The committee discussed options for defining regionally significant projects and the strategy paper development process for the next Long Range Plan. A brief report regarding U.S. House and Senate activities was also given. The committee is scheduled to meet next on September 18.

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